

ALS Application from ISOC NY

Contact information

1. Organization's Name: Internet Society of New York
2. Organization's email address: president@isoc-ny.org
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6. Organization's contact for ALS application (email, phone, address): David Solomonoff, President -- use contact info above

Description

7. Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation? Yes
8. Describe your organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/location, defining characteristic - e.g. profession for professional societies): The Internet Society of New York is open to anyone who shares our goals -- to assure the beneficial, open evolution of the global Internet. Although there are no New York residency requirements for our organization, most members do reside in the NY metropolitan area, which also includes New Jersey and Connecticut.

About Your Members

9. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes _____

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.

10. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

Indicate Yes or No: No _____

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what

the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

11. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: No

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest: Website which features a blog and wiki, email lists and RSS feeds.

12. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have? We have about 500 subscribers to our announcement list however the active members, who attend meetings and help plan projects and events, number about 25.

13. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.): They include consumers/end users, open source and civil liberties advocates, attorneys, systems and network administrators, web developers and educators.

14. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy): It's very open -- members simply join the global Internet Society (which can be done online and is free of charge) and then indicate that they would like to join our local Chapter. We do collect annual dues but we're most in having people participate by helping to plan events, develop our website and software, and discuss Internet-related technical and policy issues.

15. In what language/s does your organization conduct its business? English

16. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"): membership dues, donations and grants from global ISOC

17. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate): Not at this time.

Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding): We rely on dues and contributions from members and grants from global ISOC.

18. Describe your organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes): Our By-Laws follow:

Article I. - Name

1. These are the Bylaws for the organization which shall be called "The Internet Society Chapter of the Greater New York Metropolitan Area", or any other similar name which is consistent with the guidelines established by the Internet Society (herein referred to as the "Chapter").

2. The Chapter may use the ISOC names ("Internet Society" and "ISOC") and associated logos and service marks in its name and in connection with its activities only in accordance with the published guidelines established by ISOC-International and provided to the Chapter.

Article II. - Purpose and Activities

1. The general purpose of the Chapter shall be to advance and promote the General Purpose and Guiding Principles of the Internet Society which are as follows:

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- d) Open forum for the development of standards and Internet technology.
- e) No discrimination in use of the Internet on the basis of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- f) Personal information generated on the Internet is neither misused nor used by another without informed consent of the principal.
- g) Internet users may encrypt their communication and information without restriction.
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2. Additionally, without limiting the generality of the Chapter's purpose, the Chapter shall also:

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- promote recruitment and job market development in local technology

industries;

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- develop and lead initiatives for the expansion of broad community access and infrastructure development;
- act as an advocate for the best interests of the members and the local Internet user community (to the extent such advocacy does not adversely affect the not-for-profit and charitable tax status of the organization)

3. The Chapter shall be established as a not for profit organization under the laws of the State of New York.

4. This Chapter will serve persons who live or work in the geographic area which includes (but is not limited to) the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, on a non-exclusive basis, with the understanding other chapters maybe established in overlapping geographic areas, who live or work in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut (referred to as the "Geographic Area")

5. This Chapter is chartered by the Internet Society. These bylaws neither supersede nor abrogate any of the Bylaws of the Internet Society that regulate chapter affairs. **This Chapter shall conduct all activities in accordance with ISOC-International Document 94-224 "Policy on the Establishment and Conduct of Chapters of the Internet Society" (and any amendments thereto). To the extent any provisions of these Bylaws conflict with such Document 94-224 (and any amendments thereto) in any matters of the Chapter, such Document (and any amendments thereto) shall govern such matters. This Chapter recognizes that ISOC-International Chapter policies and guidelines may change, and that if the Chapter is unwilling or unable to follow such guidelines, ISOC-International may, on written notice, revoke this Charter, and the Chapter must immediately cease any claim of association with ISOC-International and cease using the name of the Internet Society, its logos and service marks.

Article III. - Membership and Chapter Organizational Bodies

1. As set forth more specifically within these Bylaws, the main organizational bodies of this Chapter shall be:

- (i) The General Membership;
- (ii) The Board of Directors (Article IV);
- (iii) The Officers (Article V);
- (iv) The Standing Committees (Article VIII); and
- (v) The Executive Committee (Article VI)

2. The Chapter shall be organized as a "member" organization. With the exception of the Executive Committee (in accordance with Article VI hereof), the members shall elect all other Charter leadership, namely, the Officers, Directors, and Standing Committee members, in a manner consistent with these Bylaws. The Chapter may also have various classes of members to be determined by the first elected Board of Directors, or by a committee duly organized or designated for such purpose.

3. All members of the Chapter shall also be valid members of the International Internet Society (referred to herein as "ISOC-International"). Membership is not necessary, however, for participation in public activities or special events of ISOC-International or the Chapter.**

4. All individuals and organizations falling within the defined scope of this Chapter shall be eligible for membership, and no one can be denied membership unless the Board of Directors or a committee duly designated or organized for such purpose has determined that such exclusion is warranted for reasons of just cause. Any individual denied membership for whatever reason after such procedures shall be entitled to appeal such denial to the Executive Committee.**

5. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all ISOC-International members upon request and payment of any local dues.

6. Local dues amounts shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Chapter. The Board of Directors (or a committee designated by the Board of Directors) may establish multiple levels of Chapter membership dues, including but not limited to regular membership dues, and special dues for students, corporations, not-for-profit organizations, and any other category designated by the Board of Directors or any committee designated or organized for such purpose.

Article IV - Board of Directors

1. There shall be a Board of Directors of no less than seven (7) and no more than fifteen (15) valid Chapter members which shall oversee the general management of the Chapter. The Board shall elect a "Chair" who shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and who shall carry out any other duties deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

2. The Board shall meet at least six (6) times a year, unless a special meeting is called by the Board Chair which may increase that number of meetings.

3. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected as follows:

(i) At the first organizational meeting of the general membership, nominations for proposed members of the Board of Directors shall be made by the membership, and elections shall take place within a three (3) month period. The term for each seat on the first Board (and each subsequent Board) shall be two (2) years. Such term length may be modified by the Board of Directors with a super-majority (sixty-six percent (66%)) vote of the Board. If the Board has only 7 members,

super-majority shall consist of at least 5 Board members.

(ii) After the first election of the Board and within six months prior to the expiration of the two year term of the Board, proposed nominations for the new Board shall be made by the Nominating Committee.

Article V - Officers

1. The Officers of this Chapter shall be:

(i) the President; (ii) the Executive Vice President; (iii) the Administrative Vice-President; (iv) the Secretary; (v) the Assistant Secretary; (vi) the Treasurer; and (vii) the Assistant Treasurer. With the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, no one person can hold two officer positions at the same time. In the event of a resignation by an officer of his or her position, the Executive Committee or any other committee designated or organized for such purpose shall designate an officer to hold such position until the next scheduled election. All offices shall have a term of two (2) years. **All such offices and term lengths may be modified by the Board of Directors or any other committee duly designated or organized for such purpose.**

2. The Offices set forth in this Article V shall all be elected by the general membership. Such elections shall be held in a manner and at time deemed appropriate and open to the membership by the Board of Directors or any other committee or organization duly designated or organized for such purpose. After the election of the first group of officers, such outgoing officers shall be encouraged to collaborate with the incoming officers to ensure an organized transition if deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The membership of the Chapter shall be given reasonable notice as to the place, time, and manner of all such elections.

Article VI. - Duties of Officers

1. President. (i) The President shall be the principal Officer and shall be generally responsible for leading the Chapter and managing its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of the ISOC-International and these Bylaws. The President shall be elected by the members, and shall preside at all meetings of the general membership of this Chapter.

(ii) The President shall also serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee (as set forth in Article VII hereof) and any other meeting deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

(iii) In accordance with Article IX hereof (Temporary Committees), the President shall appoint temporary committees which are consistent with the purposes of the Chapter objectives and these bylaws; provided such committees' purposes are not in conflict with any of the permanent Standing Committees. In the event of a disagreement in this connection, the Board of Directors shall settle the disagreement in question.

2. Executive Vice-President. The Executive Vice President shall preside

at meetings in the absence of the President, and shall perform any duties which are "executive" or "external" in nature as defined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

3. Administrative Vice-President. The Administrative Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and the Vice-President, and shall perform any duties which are "administrative" or "internal" in nature as defined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

4. Secretary The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Chapter and Executive Committee meetings. Other duties of the Secretary include the following:

A) Preparation of the Annual Chapter Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election Meeting.

B) Preparation of the Chapter's Activity Report and submission of this report to ISOC-International.

C) Notification to ISOC-International of any changes in the elected Officers and/or Directors of the Chapter.

D) Submission of any proposed amendment to the Vice President of Chapters of ISOC-International for approval.

E) Reporting to ISOC-International from time to time as required by ISOC-International regulations, including an annual activity report (as provided in ISOC-International Document 94-253) and list of Officers and Directors.

5. Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary and attend meetings in the absence of the Secretary and shall be entrusted to take minutes of each meeting.

6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay all bills, and maintain the Chapter's financial records. All such records and accounts shall comply with the General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Treasurer shall also utilize an accounting software program which enjoys wide acceptance. Duties of the Treasurer shall also include:

A) Preparation of the Chapter's Annual Financial Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Election meeting in a manner consistent with Article VIII (3) hereof (Standing Committees-Budget and Finance).

B) Preparation and submission of any documents required by ISOC-International regulations, including completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report to ISOC-International Headquarters. **

7. Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer and attend any meetings in the absence of the Treasurer.

8. Contracts. Contracts shall only be entered into by the Chapter as

follows: (i) all agreements must be in writing and duly recorded in the minutes; (ii) all agreements must be within the Chapter's budget as certified in writing by the Treasurer; and (iii) a minimum of two (2) out of the following four (4) officers must act as signatories on behalf of the Chapter for any such agreement or contract to be deemed as binding on the Chapter:

(a) the President or one of the two Vice-Presidents; and

(b) the Treasurer.

This binding signatory requirement may only be modified by the Board of Directors (or the Executive Committee if so designated by the Board).

9. Disbursements/Expenditures. Disbursements from the Treasury for Chapter expenditures shall be made by the Treasurer. Any other Officer may have such authorization only if approved by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. All such expenditures shall be included in the relevant minutes of the general Chapter meeting. Any disbursements outside the budget must be approved by the Executive Committee.

10. Modification of Duties: The duties set forth in this Article for each office are only general in nature, and the Board of Directors or any other committee duly designated or organized for such matters may modify the duties of each officer as it deems appropriate.

Article VII. - Executive Committee

1. The Chapter shall have an Executive Committee which shall consist of the following individuals:

1. each of the five (5) following then current Chapter Officers for the relevant period:

1. President;
2. Executive Vice President;
3. Administrative Vice President;
4. Secretary; and
5. Treasurer;

2. the immediate past President (if applicable and if available);
3. the Chair of each of the three (3) Chapter Standing Committees;
4. up to five (5) members of the Board of Directors; and
5. up to three (3) other members-at-large. The members at large may include past Officers, if applicable.

2. The President of the Chapter shall serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee. However, other than in the case of the need for a tie-breaking vote, the President shall have no other voting power while serving on the Executive Committee.

3. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to all members, unless a special meeting has been called in which participation by only Executive Committee members is deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Executive Committee.

4. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to (i) oversee all operations of the Chapter; and (ii) oversee the operations of all Officers and Charter committees. These duties may only be modified by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. - Standing Committees

1. The Chapter shall have at least three (3) Standing Committees, the members of which shall be elected by the general membership in a manner determined by the Board of Directors. The Standing Committees of the Chapter may include (but shall not be limited to) the following: (i) a Membership Committee; (ii) a Budget and Finance Committee; and (iii) a Nominating Committee.

2. The members of each Standing Committee shall designate a Chair for such committee (which need not be voted on by the general membership). Each Chair of each Standing Committee shall also serve on the Executive Committee (as provided in Article V II(1)(iii)).

3. The Budget and Finance Committee shall ensure the accuracy of the accounting of the Chapter's funds for the relevant year period in collaboration with the Treasurer. This Budget and Finance Committee shall also verify the accuracy of the Financial Report prepared by the Treasurer for submission to ISOC-International. Such Financial Report shall also be reviewed by outside accountants selected by the Budget and Finance Committee prior to submission to ISOC-International.

4. The Board of Directors or any other committee designated or organized for such purpose shall have the authority to define the duties and relevant term lengths of the Standing Committees.

Article IX. - Temporary Committees

1. The President may appoint any number of temporary committees as he or she deems appropriate. The President may also delegate such appointment powers to either of the Vice Presidents.

Article X - Meetings

1. The Chapter shall hold meetings only in places that are open and accessible to all members of the Society in accordance with applicable accessibility laws for the disabled. Meetings shall be held as planned by the Membership Committee or any other committee duly designated or organized for such purpose.

2. The Annual Business meeting shall be held at a time deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors or any other committee designated or organized for such purpose. At this meeting, the Financial Report shall be presented. Without limiting the generality of Article V (Officers); VII (Executive Committee); and VIII (Standing Committees), other business conducted at such Annual Meeting may include (but not be limited to) the election of Officers, Directors, and/or Standing

Committee members.

3. Notices of the place and time of all meetings shall be distributed to all members at least one week prior to any meeting in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors or any committee duly designated or organized for such purpose in a manner consistent with ISOC-International rules

4. The Chapter shall have general membership meetings at least six (6) times per year.

Article XI. - Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end on June 30th of each year.

Article XII. - Amendment of Bylaws, Ambiguities, and Voting Procedures

1. All proposed changes to these Chapter Bylaws shall have been approved by ISOC-International's Vice President of Chapters before being presented to the Chapter membership for a vote. In the event of an ambiguity in the interpretation of any provision of these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall resolve such ambiguity, and the Bylaws shall be amended to reflect such resolution in accordance with ISOC-International procedures.

2. No official business of the Chapter, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or any Standing Committee shall be conducted unless a quorum of the relevant body is present, as the case may be. The number of members which represents a "quorum" for each relevant body shall be determined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee prior to any such meeting, as the case may be, provided, however a quorum of the general membership must consist of at least ten (10) members.

3. In the event of any tie votes of the general membership, the President shall act as a tie-breaker.

4. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in these bylaws, a simple majority of the members of the relevant body (as the case may be), who are present and voting shall be required to carry a motion or nomination.

5. Officers, Directors, and Standing Committee members shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast. The manner of election shall be determined by the Executive Committee or any other committee duly designated or organized for such purpose and communicated in writing to all members. Such manner may include (but shall not be limited to) voting by electronic mail.

Article XIII. - Dissolution of the Chapter

1. Dissolution of this Chapter by consent of the members shall consist of unanimous agreement of all its Officers together with a majority vote at a meeting of the members which must be publicized in advance (by at least one week) to all members of the Chapter for the purpose of taking this vote.

2. Should this Chapter be dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to the Internet Society to be held in escrow and supervised by ISOC-International Vice President of Chapters.

19. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

Indicate Yes or No: ___Yes_____

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

Incorporated as a 501(3)c nonprofit in New York State.

20. Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN? Yes

21. Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest: listservs, RSS feeds, our website, meetup.com

22. Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)? isoc-ny.org/wiki

23. Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

President: David Solomonoff president@isoc-ny.org

Vice President: Evan Korth korth@cs.nyu.edu

Secretary: Joly MacFie joly@punkcast.com

Treasurer: Joseph Shraibman jks@iname.com

Board Member: Veni Markovski veni@veni.com

Board Member: Dave Fletcher dave.fletcher@themechanism.com

Board Member: Alicia Gibb amgibb@gmail.com

Objectives

24. What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

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25. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:
Net neutrality, privacy, online freedom of speech, open access to the Net.

26. If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes _____

Signature

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